

Acting Chief, East Coast Bureau

28 June 1948

Chief, FBIB

Conference of FBIB Engineers

1. Reference is made to your memorandum to Chief, FBIB dated 23 June 1948 concerning a proposed annual conference of FBIB engineers.
2. Your suggestion is appreciated, and the idea is essentially good. However, after consideration of all factors involved and consultation with the Chief Engineer, FBIB, it is believed that such a plan would prove impractical for the following reasons:
 - a. The absence of the Engineers and Assistant Engineers from their respective Bureaus, and the considerable period of time required would seriously handicap operations at the stations.
 - b. The expense concerned would be too great to warrant such a conference. This is particularly true in view of the fact that this branch may be operating on a somewhat reduced budget during future fiscal years.
 - c. It is believed that necessary coordination of operating procedure and a standardization of equipment can be accomplished through the efforts of the Chief Engineer in the Departmental office. It is contemplated that the Chief Engineer will visit all field bureaus approximately once per year in order to accomplish the aims outlined in your memorandum.
3. The Chief, FBIB will be glad to discuss this matter with you at any future time, and further suggestions concerning this matter or others are requested.

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